



MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

MOTOR CARRIER OFFICER

Applicant Information

TITLE

Motor Carrier Officers are members of the Michigan State Police, specializing in commercial vehicle enforcement.

AUTHORITY

Motor Carrier Officers have all the powers conferred upon peace officers for the purpose of enforcing the general laws of this state as they pertain to commercial vehicles. Motor Carrier Officers are not certified under the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

Motor Carrier Officers have arrest authority while on duty for:

1. Any felony committed in the presence of an officer or with reasonable cause to believe an individual has committed a felony.
2. Any misdemeanor under a warrant from another peace officer or court.
3. Misdemeanor arrests when committed in an officer's presence for:
 - a. Assault and Battery.
 - b. Operating While under Influence of Liquor (for any vehicle operating on a public highway).
 - c. Malicious Destruction of Public or Private Property.

RESPONSIBILITIES

General enforcement responsibilities on commercial vehicles are, but not limited to, the following areas:

1. General state laws (speed, size, weight, and registration.)
2. Equipment requirements (trucks, trailers, and buses.)
3. Driver qualifications (licenses, physicals, and training.)
4. Transportation of hazardous materials.
5. Unlawful transportation (authority, rates, and tariffs.)

ASSIGNMENTS

Upon completion of the recruit school, officers are typically assigned to locations with weigh stations. These assignments include weigh station operation and general road patrol duties. Probationary officers may be transferred to anywhere in the State. Motor Carrier Officers are members of a collective bargaining organization. Upon completion of probation, officers may request to transfer to any State Police Post.

The weigh stations are located near the following Michigan cities: Cambridge, Coldwater, Monroe, Fowlerville, Ionia, Grass Lake, New Buffalo, Pontiac, Port Huron, St. Ignace, and Powers.

Officer may be promoted to a Motor Carrier Investigator in the Hazardous Materials and Investigation Unit of the Traffic Safety Division. This unit is responsible for conducting investigations on trucking companies to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.

PAY/BENEFITS

Motor Carrier Officers receive a starting salary of \$37,437.84 annually and reach a top salary in six years of \$49,965.84 annually. This information is based on the October 1, 2007); Compensation Plan for State of Michigan Employees distributed by the Department of Civil Service. In addition, Motor Carrier Officers receive an annual uniform cleaning allowance of \$350.00.

Motor Carrier Officers receive health, hospitalization, dental, vision, and life insurance as standard benefits. Motor Carrier Officers participate in the State's Defined Contribution Retirement Program and may also partake of the State's 401K and 457 Deferred Compensation programs. Vacation time and sick leave accruals are earned on a bi-weekly basis and the amount earned is based upon the years of state service. This benefit is standard for all state employees. The Department of State Police supplies uniforms and equipment items to each Motor Carrier Officer.

TRAINING

Each applicant must successfully complete the Motor Carrier Recruit School held at the Michigan State Police Training Academy. The school consists of extensive training in motor carrier laws, rules, and regulations, as well as other in-depth law enforcement related courses. The school also includes a very rigorous physical fitness program, weapons training and qualification, pursuit driving instructions, and vehicle inspection procedures. All officers are under an initial eighteen-month probationary period beginning at the start of the recruit school.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Age:	Applicants must be at least 21 years old to qualify to take the examination.
Education:	High School Diploma or GED Equivalent.
Physical:	Must be in adequate physical condition to successfully complete the MCOLES physical agility test, as well as meet the prescribed vision and hearing standards.
Conduct:	Reputation must be above reproach. Applicants may not have been convicted of a felony. There must not be a reasonable belief that the applicant committed a felony. Must possess a valid Operator's/Chauffeur's license with a satisfactory driving record.

Motor Carrier Officer applicants must successfully complete the Civil Service Entry Level Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Security and Regulatory Examination, Number 2002. Based on test scores and department work force needs, applicants may be scheduled for a background investigation and an oral interview.

Should you have any further questions concerning a career as a Motor Carrier Officer, contact the Division's Recruiting Officer, Sgt. Steven Pascoe at (517) 336-6284.